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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

HAWKINS, G.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS

FOR PERFORMING BIOLOGICAL REACTIONS ON A SUBSTRATE

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Sir:

This is in response to the office action mailed September 24, 2001. This response is filed before or on the three-month extended due date of March 24, 2002 (which is a Sunday), thus making it a timely response.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-70126-1/RMS/BTC).

Please consider the amendments and remarks as follows.